

Indians Attend Alberta Legislature Session

CREE CHIEFS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO QUEEN



Among the visitors at a session of the Alberta legislature were 44 Indians, including representatives of tribes from all parts of the province. Adding a touch of color to the day's proceedings were seven Indians who turned up in their traditional headdress and full Indian attire. They were in the city under the auspices of the Edmonton Friends of the Indians Society. The colorful tribesmen shown above are, left to right, Pat Bob Eagle (Piegan) Brocket, Alta.; Simon Big Snake, and Chief Ben Calfrope, (Blackfoot), Gleichen; Albert Lightning and Mrs. Lightning, (Cree), Hobbema; Tom Katquitts, (Stony), Morley and Johnny Goodrider, (Piegan), Brocket.

EDMONTON, Alberta — For the first time in the history of any Canadian province, delegates from all Indian tribes have been invited to see and hear a session of the provincial legislature as on Monday, February 25th, forty-four Indians came from all parts of Alberta to Edmonton, under the auspices of the Edmonton Branch of the Friends of the Indian Society.

The forty-four guests of the Society spent three days in the city seeing movies, attending lectures, and discussing their problems with Government officials.

Seven of the visitors were in full regalia when they arrived at the Legislative Buildings, on Monday, February 25th. Seated in the Speakers Gallery in the Legislative Chamber, they added an unusual touch of colour to the day's proceedings.

To climax the visit to Edmonton, the guests attended a dinner on Wednesday, February 27th, at which the speaker was George McLean (Chief Walking Buffalo), who who spoke on ancient Indian life. Walking Buffalo's grandfather was a Headchief in the early days. When he stepped down from his post as leader, he turned his authority over to his nephew Jacob Bears paw, a famous warrior.

Jacob signed at the Indian treaty, in 1877, as Chief of the Stony Indians at the time when Chief Walking Buffalo was less than five years old. George McLean lives now with his people on the Morley Indian reserve, west of Calgary.

33 Years of Service

Sister St. Alexandra, seventy-seven, passed away at the Grey Nuns Mother House in Ottawa, March 22. She served in the James Bay missions, first at Albany from 1907 to 1926, then as Superior from 1926 to 1935; she then returned to Ottawa. Seven years later she was appointed Superior at Moosonee where she served from 1942 to 1947. Funeral was held in Ottawa, March 25th.

Assistant Superintendent of Education Appointed in Ottawa

M. R. F. Davey, for five years Regional Inspector of Indian Schools for British Columbia, has been appointed early in February, to the post of Assistant Superintendent of Education, with the Indian Affairs Branch, in Ottawa.

Mr. R. F. Davey is a graduate from Victoria Normal School and from U.B.C. He taught in provincial schools in British Columbia and, prior to entering the Canadian Army, he was Principal of the Coquitlam Junior Senior High School, B.C.

Having served with the Black Watch, with the rank of Major, he

was awarded the Military Cross and mentioned in despatches. On return from overseas, he was employed with the Department of Education, in Victoria, prior to accepting the appointment of Regional Inspector of Indian Schools for B.C., in January 1947.

Mr. Davey's photo appears in the group on page 4 of this issue.)

BATTLEFORD, Sask. — Through the voice of radio, Cree Indians in all parts of Saskatchewan were able to hear the voices of seven chiefs of their nation pledging their loyalty to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The broadcast was recorded at a meeting held early in March, by members of the Queen Victoria Treaty Protective Association, which met in Battleford. Broadcast over CJNB, the ceremony of Declaration of Allegiance by Indian chiefs was the first of its kind ever broadcast in Canada; a recording has been forwarded to the Dominion Archives at Ottawa.

The ceremony was held in the council chambers of Battleford's Town Hall and it was attended by some 50 Indians from 14 reserves. The ceremony opened by the chanting of a song in Cree by Edward Fox (Sweetgrass) to a drum accompaniment. The main speakers at the event were Canon H. E. Hives, C.E., who introduced each chief in turn, while Campbell Innes interpreted the life of the Crees since the signing of the treaty in 1876.

Chief Sam Swimmer, (Sweetgrass), and Chief Papeweyin, (Big River) spoke to the meeting in Cree, renewing their pledge of allegiance and declaring their adherence to the original treaty made between the Queen and the Crees in Treaties No. 4 and 6.

There was a special significance to the renewing of this pledge by the assembled Crees for, framed in the office of the Indian agency at Battleford, is a personally-signed letter from the Queen, written last November upon her return to England after her royal tour in Canada. The letter is addressed to Solomon Sipikwaikun, who, last October, had expressed his regrets to the Princess, on behalf of his people, that they had not been able to see her on her trip to Canada, and that they appreciated the privileges granted them by her great grandmother.

That Her Majesty has taken time to reply so promptly to a letter from an obscure Indian subject on the Canadian prairies is proof enough that in their own way the Indians are "White Mother" who carries always in her heart of even her humblest subjects.

Chiefs who attended the two-day Q.V.T.P.A. meeting were: Chief Sam Swimmer, Sweetgrass;

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Our Duties to the Canadian Indians

In his editorial, March issue of "The Canadian League," the national magazine of the C.W.L. of Canada, His Excellency Bishop John C. Cody, National Director, commented on the resolution taken at the recent Ottawa convention which urged: *"that our officers and members make greater efforts to assist the Indian people to achieve further cultural, education and religious advancement."*

We quote directly from Bishop Cody's editorial:

"While the question has special point in the dioceses where there are many of our Indian brethren, it affects in its broad outline everyone of us particularly in view of the fact that the majority of the Indians belong to the household of the Faith.

"What can we do? Proper background being so indispensable, we could well begin with a brief refresher course in Canadian history at some of our meetings, highlighting the Indians' part therein with the heroic story of the Jesuit Martyrs and other missionaries whose sacrifices for their evangelization are the brightest pages in Canada's annals.

"Valuable information could be obtained from Martyrs Shrine, Midland; by a perusal of such books as Kateri Tekatwitha's life; by contacting the clergy or religious presently in charge of Indian missions, schools and hospitals; and last but not least by a close study of the Indian Act.

"More specifically, what can we do? We can pray betimes that vocations to the clerical, religious and lay apostolates may be multiplied among them. We can courteously invite them to some of our gatherings and conventions. Not a few of their leaders are well qualified to be guest speakers who can deal instructively and interestingly with the chequered story of their race's past and present.

"We can vindicate their claim to proper health services the more so that if such measures neglect one segment of the population they readily end up by being effective for nobody.

"We can help them to ward off the vexatious attentions of the Witnesses of Jehovah, and other propagandists anxious to rob them of their Catholic Faith.

"We can make common cause with them in elbowing aside the legion of secularists whose aim is to expel God from the schools. We can support their just claims to representation in the Commons and in the Senate. We can encourage them to form in due course Indian subdivisions of the League."

Concluding his editorial, Bishop Cody affirms that *"despite the magnificent efforts of some of our subdivisions... there is still much we could and should be doing for our beloved brethren in Christ — the Canadian Indians."*

We are deeply grateful to His Excellency Bishop Cody, whose interest in the welfare of the Indians is so well known, for writing such a splendid and timely editorial, which we hope, will foster a deeper sympathy and a better understanding of the Indian population, among the members of the largest and most influential women's league in Canada.

CREE CHIEFS

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Chief Tom Favel, of Poundmaker; Chief Bruno Martell, Waterhen; Chief Papewyin, Big River; Chief Ed Poor Man, Poor Man Reserve; Chief Angus Heathen, of Thunderchild and Chief Matche, of Meadow Lake.

Among the resolutions passed at the meeting, requests are to be made to obtain more reserve land; the right to purchase intoxicating liquor of any kind was absolutely refused; no original treaty Indian is to be conscripted to take part in any White man's war; a resolution requesting the Department to go back to the old practice of issuing diplomas to Indian children upon completion of their schooling was made; these resolutions were presented to Mr. J. P. B. Ostrander, Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies for Saskatchewan.

Pensions Okayed in Manitoba

Indians in the 65-69 age group are eligible to apply for pensions under the dominion-provincial 50-50 agreement which went into effect Jan. 1.

Information from the Manitoba old age pension board was that about 200 Indians might be on the pension lists. Applications have already been received from 170.

The dominion agreed to pay its half share of pensions to Indians in the 65-69 age group only on condition the province agreed. In Manitoba they were accepted.

I.H.S. Nurses Gather for Conference

WINNIPEG, Man. — Twenty nurses from outlying nursing stations in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, who are engaged in Indian Health Services, met in conference and to attend a refresher course for field nurses, in Winnipeg, recently. Nurses came from points as far north in Manitoba as Gods Lake and Big Trout Lake, in Ontario.

The conference was presided over by Dr. W. J. Wood, Regional Medical Superintendent; this was probably the first such conference held in Canada. Various phases of the field nurses' work were discussed and several medical films were shown.

There are seven nursing stations in Northern Manitoba and five in Northwestern Ontario. Not all patients come to the nursing station; patients may be fifty miles away and the nurses reach their homes by canoe, in summer, by bombardier and dog team in winter.

The nursing stations are well equipped, with electricity and running water, and a radio telephone which communicates with the nearest doctor and with Winnipeg.

A new nursing station is planned for Split Lake, some four hundred miles north of Winnipeg.

Vicariate Apostolic of James Bay

MOOSONEE, Ontario. — A Catholic Day School has been opened in Moosonee, since September 1951; twenty-six pupils, mostly Indians, are in attendance. Sister Mary Theophane, s.g.c., a graduate from Ottawa University's Normal School, is in charge; she has fifteen years teaching experience.

A sixteen-bed hospital will soon be opened for the seven hundred and fifty Indians of Attawapiscat. Oblate lay Brothers are actively engaged in completing the erection of the hospital. The Grey Nuns from Ottawa will be in charge of this hospital, which is equipped with X-ray, sterilizers and an operating table.

To answer to the needs of an ever increasing population, due to the combined efforts of the missionaries and of the Government, in the field of health and of welfare, special attention is given to the fight against tuberculosis. A Government hospital at Moose Factory looks after two hundred patients; the small Catholic hospitals, in the James Bay area, take care of seventy-five patients.

For the past three years, due to the continued efforts of Mr. J. S. Allan, Indian Agencies Superintendent, quite a number of new homes have been erected for the Indian population.

Public Health nurses visit the Indian settlements regularly and do a great deal of useful work, specially in preventing epidemics and giving instructions in hygiene.

Last September, a third mission boat has been constructed by the lay Brothers, to serve the Catholic missions of the James Bay.

The rapid development of the Catholic missions in the James Bay area is due not only to the labour and devotedness of the Fathers, Brothers and Sisters, but also to the numerous benefactors who help financially. There are at times as many as three constructions under way in the Vicariate.

The Indian themselves also are to be credited for their co-operation as they understand that these schools, hospitals and churches have only one purpose, that to help them to live healthy, happy and secure.

J. M. H.

Saskatchewan Friend of the Indians Inducted as Chief Moosomin



Chief Sam Swimmer and Chief Harold Blackstar welcomed Joseph Pirot to their midst as Chief Moosomin. The event called for celebrations which lasted well into the night at Cochin. For Mr. and Mrs. Pirot their Indian friends had paid the highest tribute. Above, left to right, Bernice Pirot (grand-daughter), Alice Blackstar, Mrs. Joseph Pirot, Ronnie Pirot (grandson), Ernestine La Plante, Mr. Joseph Pirot, Blandine La Plante, Vallerie Pirot (grand-daughter) and Louise Blackstar. Black row — Rev. Father Pascal, Chief Sam Swimmer, Mary Rose Capey-siwat, Chief Harold Blackstar, Josie Osecape. In the background Leon Pirot of Cochin, Saskatchewan.

(Courtesy North Battleford News)

SAANICH NEWS

SAANICHTON, B.C. — The local Indian C.Y.O., Guadalupe Chapter, held their annual election lately. Ann Elliott is the new president, Clifford Tommy Vice-President and Marie Cooper Secretary-Treasurer. The president appointed Mary Tom as chairman of the Religious Committee, Thomas Samson for the Cultural and Norman Underwood for the Social.

Every member belongs to one of the committees. At the monthly business-meeting, after the unfinished business has been dealt with, the meeting goes into committee for ten minutes. The chairman of each committee then reports on the activities they intend to have during the month.

This system has proved very successful. Last month, at the religious meeting, a lecture on St. John Bosco was given by the chaplain. Dramatics were studied during the cultural meeting, in preparation for the play that the group intends entering in the Diocesan C.Y.O. Drama Festival. This month a quiz programme is being planned for the religious activity. At the cultural gathering, films on health will be shown by Miss Jean MacDonald, the local health nurse. A ping-pong contest will be in progress until Easter.

In East Saanich, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, on Tuesday night of every week, after the ordinary prayers, adults and children are learning to answer the Mass. It is hoped that soon the Sunday Mass will be dialogued.

Most of the men of the West Saanich Reserve are working at Mayne Island where they are logging off some four million feet of timber.

Mrs. Edward (Julia) Smith, aged 91, died recently at her home on the West Saanich Reserve. The Requiem Mass was said at the Assumption Church by the local missionary. The burial took place in the nearby cemetery. Mrs. Smith leaves three sons and a daughter and numerous grandchildren.

Philip Paul of the West Saanich Reserve and nephew of Chief Thunderbird, world renowned wrestler, was a contestant in the recent Golden Gloves Tournament, both in Victoria and Vancouver.

Although he lost by a decision in the Victoria event, he was chosen by the committee to be one of the representatives of that city in the finals in Vancouver. There he lost as did all the Victoria contestants. Fighting in the 139 class, he was defeated by a Vancouver boy, in the second round by a T.K.O. He hopes to take part in the Buckskin Gloves, next month.

God's Lake Narrows Indian Day School News

We had, recently, the visit of our Superintendent, Mr. William Gowans; Mr. Gowans remained several hours with the pupils and, on his departure, the pupils were granted a long recess.

Brother J. Côté, O.M.I., was away for several days in February to attend spiritual exercises at Cross Lake, Manitoba.

Several of our pupils are doing excellent work in class; we are all in good health.

The pupils of God's Lake Narrows School express their sincere sympathies to our well beloved Royal Family on their late bereavement and death of His Majesty was said for the repose of King George VI. A novena of prayer for the late King's soul. May our gracious Queen Elizabeth II have a fruitful and long reign.

Old Indian Scout Dies

LETHBRIDGE. — Heavy Head, last of the Blood Indians who wore the scars of the sun dance ritual in both chest and back, died in the Indian hospital at Cardston recently.

Heavy Head was a scout for a number of years with the North West Mounted Police. He went through the sun dance ceremony in 1889.

Yukon First Cop Dies at 96

Thomas Dickson, born in Ontario, in 1856, died recently in Whitehorse General Hospital.

Arriving in Yukon in 1898 with a force of two hundred Northwest Mounted Police, the first to patrol the Yukon, Thomas Dickson was stationed at Taggish.

The lure of the outdoor wilds soon prompted Dickson to leave the Police force and to become the first big game guide in the Yukon. He carried on leading big game hunters and trapping until he was forced into retirement, in January 1949.

Thomas Dickson was married to an Indian woman from whom he raised a large family. Ten days before his death, Thomas Dickson joined the Catholic Church; the missionary, Father Francis Triggs, O.M.I., instructed and received him into the Church. He then received all the sacraments and was confirmed by Bishop Coudert.

A daughter of Thomas Dickson is also a Catholic.

Attends Wrong Meeting; Welcome Just the Same

FORT FRANCES, Ont. — Albert Wilson, 35, member of the Odjibway tribe, attended a session of the Canadian Forestry Association quite by mistake; however, he was most welcome and managed to bring across a message on behalf of his people.

Wilson was expecting to attend the Trappers' Meeting, held in Fort Frances, Ontario, of which he wanted to ask authorization for his fellow tribesmen to hunt the beaver for a longer period of time than it is allowed actually. He was somewhat surprised when he found himself addressing a gathering of the Canadian Forestry Association.

However, the members of the Forestry Association did not let Wilson go until he had discussed with them the ways and means to protect Ontario's forests from the depredation caused by the ever increasing beaver population.

Safe Near MacMurray

EDMONTON, Alberta. — Father William Leising, O.M.I., 39 years old "flying priest" of the Mackenzie Vicariate, was flying from Edmonton in his Norseman plane accompanied by Brothers Dabrowski, Doherty and Pétrin. He was forced down in a heavy snowstorm, near Fort MacMurray. The party spent several nights camping out in the middle of March. Brother Pétrin, a veteran of 13 years in the Far North, volunteered to make the trek to town. He spent ten hours picking his way through deep snow over the five-mile route.

Meanwhile, an Air Force rescue team flew over from Edmonton and a Canadian Pacific plane came, later, with gas. The party took to the air again and arrived at MacMurray before Brother Pétrin could complete his five-mile trek.

The Largest Residential School in Canada

Primary and High School
KAMLOOPS, B.C.



Kamloops Indian Residential School on the occasion of the
In the past five years

The most encouraging development in higher education among the Indians of B.C. was the opening of the new High School at Kamloops. The school was officially opened by Mr. R. F. Davey, B.C. Inspector of Indian schools, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Michael O'Ryan, O.M.I., Assistant General of the Oblate Congregation, and Mr. Gillis, M.L.A.

Of modern design and construction the new building contains eight class rooms including a Science laboratory and a Domestic Science room. It is a very valuable addition to the facilities for teaching higher grade students who graduate every year from the lower school grades. With a competent staff under the supervision of the school Principal, Rev. Fr. F. O'Grady, O.M.I., the school promises to give every advantage to pupils, not only of the Kamloops Indian villages, but students from all parts of B.C.

On the opening day there were students to the number of fifty-three from points as far distant as the West Coast of Vancouver Island and Prince George. Promising stu-

dent graduates from the Indian Day schools are looking forward to their chance to enroll at the Kamloops Indian High School. The total pupilage is 412; of these 47 are now enrolled in the High School Course.

Out of 8 pupils who matriculated in June 1951, one is a teacher at Mission City Indian School, one is a nursing student at Victoria, one girl is taking a business course at St. Ann's Academy, another one is taking a practical course in nursing and three boys are following courses in mechanics.

Located at the junction of the Lillooet and Thompson valleys the Kamloops Residential School serves a large number of the interior of British Columbia.

The school has nine large class rooms, a laboratory and a special class room for Home Economics. The reputation which the school has won through its extra-curricular activities is so well known that very few white schools in B.C. have achieved the same success. For instance, the seventy-voice choir is a leader in the Province; it won the B.C. musical Festival Grand Award for two successive years. School pupils won a trophy for public speaking, one for folk dancing.

At least 75% of all awards within the Province in recreational competitions held last April in Vancouver were gained by Kamloops students.

The school staff numbers 26, of which 12 are teachers. Under the leadership of Rev. Fergus O'Grady, O.M.I., who is now completing his 13th year as Principal of this institution, rapid strides have been made in educating the pupils not only in the subjects regularly taught in every school, but more specially in preparing the pupils for life after they have graduated.

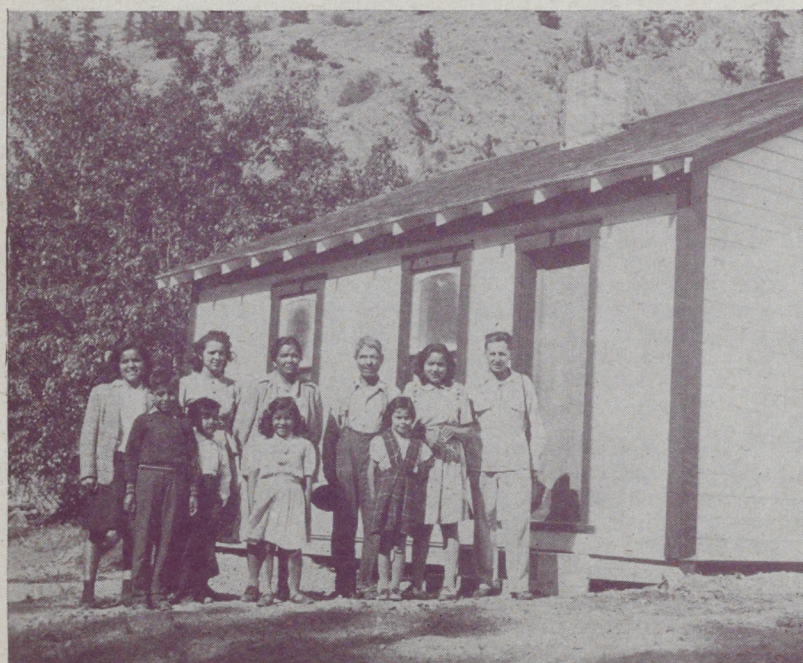
One of the most notable projects undertaken by Father O'Grady, with the help of special instructors and the whole-hearted co-operation of the elder pupils, has been the building of homes for ex-pupils. While manual training is taught extensively in a very modern shop, new homes have been built in the reserves for the young married graduates. The lumber was cut at the school's own mill. Everything for the construction of these homes is prepared at the school workshop: the lumber is cut and milled, window frame casings and doors are manufactured.

The houses measure 22 x 24 with three or four rooms; they are loaded on large trucks and hauled to the site of construction.

In order to train the pupils in Animal Husbandry, Father O'Grady has established an extensive herd

of registered cattle. The boys are keenly interested and it is with pride that they have won several prizes at the Pacific National Exhibition were the case even with the famous Colony Farm; 31 heads of Holstein cattle were then exhibited. This is to the advantage of the pupils, as cattle raising, in the interior reserves of B.C., is the main source of revenue. Last year, financial returns to Indian cattle ranchers reached an all time high.

From the inception of Indian missionary work in British Columbia, those who guided the work, Bishops D'Herbomez, O.M.I., and P. Durieu, O.M.I., had a master plan similar to the program successfully organized by Rev. Fr. Junipero Serra, O.F.M., in Lower



This new home is typical of the residences erected through the Kamloops Indian School rehabilitation program for the families of ex-pupils.



Government officials and school principals meeting. Mr. R. F. Davey, Assistant-Supt. of Education (Dunlop, O.M.I., (Ottawa), W. S. Arneil, Indian Taylor, Supt. of Indian Agencies (Vancouver), Kamloops Indian School; back row, left to right; Indian School, Williams Lake, B.C., Father John dental School, Father Gerald Kelly, O.M.I., Prince B.C., Father Patrick Sheahan, O.M.I., Principal, Ch



of the installation of His Excellency Most Reverend E. Q. Jennings, Bishop of Kamloops, March 27, 1946. In a few years, the pupillage has increased to well over four hundred pupils.

California. Previous to the settlement of California by white people, the Indians of Lower California had developed an advanced Christian culture. For many years their missions were noted and admired on every hand. With the advent of immigration and the organization of the civil power, however, the local government so carefully planned for the Indians by the Franciscans, was swept away, and only the half-ruined missions now remain as evidence of their former glory.

In much the same manner Indian missions were built along the Coast of B.C. by the different Indian tribes as they became Christianized. Indians were taught to read and write their native languages. Chiefs, captains, and watch-

men were selected and trained everywhere to maintain order and to guide their people along Christian principles. Drama festivals were held each year at the various Indian missions. The native people were grouped in villages with the Church as the centre of their daily lives.

After the turn of the century white settlements became much more numerous and the organization of the civil power became more defined. The Indians were gradually forced by circumstances to depend more on the Department of Indian Affairs, and the powers of their own officials were in great part nullified.

Although the outlook is bright for the future, the question remains: How far can the Church follow these willing students who are pioneering a higher standard for their people?

Of those fortunate ones who may have a vocation to the religious life or the priesthood there is little difficulty. But many will want to go through technical college or university.

The proposal has been made of a special college for these promising Indian graduates which would teach approved courses in science and arts and vocational training. For the purposes of obtaining degrees the college could be affiliated with a standard university.

If this proposal were implemented it would give the Catholic Indians who form more than three-fifths of the Indian population of B.C. an adequate leadership training. It would give to the Indian people of B.C., the means to integrate their families with other Canadian people in such fashion that they would not be assimilated — a fate which they dread. But, on the other hand, they would be able to enrich Canadian culture by their own native heritage combined with a fervent religious faith and practice.

REPORT ON INDIAN EDUCATION IN B.C.

By James Patterson, O.M.I.

The small industrial boarding schools established by the Indian missionaries during the last century, in British Columbia, have grown into up-to-date Indian Residential Schools, modern and well equipped. The half-day school system has been replaced with a full study program. Besides the academic schedule, the pupils have the advantage of a boarding school training, under the tutelage of Religious Orders, equal to the training provided in first class colleges and convents.

Keeping pace with the advanced status of the B.C. Indians the Department of Indian Affairs has built many excellent Indian day schools on the larger Indian reserves. The pupils in the Catholic day schools are under the supervision of teaching Orders and Catholic lay teachers nominated by the hierarchy.

Notable amongst these schools are the consolidated Indian day schools at Duncan and Saanich, in charge of the Sisters of St. Ann, and the three-roomed Indian Day School on the Pemberton Indian reserve, staffed by three lay teachers. On a number of Indian villages scattered throughout B.C., there are smaller one and two-roomed day schools, such as at Vernon, Church House, Sliamon, Songhee, Chehalis, Seabird Island, Chilliwack, Fountain, Port Douglas and Shalalth.

Unique in Indian education, too, is the large Indian Day school, hospital, and Indian novitiate established under the supervision of Rev. Fr. F. Sutherland, O.M.I., on the Anaham Indian reserve in the Cariboo. Here the Sisters of Christ the King have a novitiate especially for the training of Indian girls for the religious life. The classroom teaching in the day school and the social welfare work on the reserve is done by the Sisters.

In all these schools, both of the Residential and Day school type, directives and bulletins issued by the Indian Department supplement the provincial classroom curricula. All the classes are regularly inspected by Departmental inspectors.

Athletic teams of students of St. Mary's I.R.S., Mission City, Kamloops I.R.S., and Squamish I.R.S. supervised by Rev. Frs. O'Grady, O.M.I., J. Hennessy, O.M.I., and P. Clarke, O.M.I., have won top trophies in successful pro-rec competitions each year, matched against Provincial and Washington State public and High Schools.

In the last four years there has been an increase of 40% in school attendance to the number of 5,600 pupils with a daily average of 85% attendance in British Columbia. Of these 250 are High School pupils, eight attend University, three are Normal School students and five are training as nurses. In every residential school there are secondary grade pupils.



meeting in Kamloops. From left to right, first row : (Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa), Father H. E. O'Grady, Indian Commissioner for British Columbia, H. E. O'Grady, Father Fergus O'Grady, O.M.I., Principal, Cariboo Indian School, Kamloops, B.C.; Father A. Morris, O.M.I., Principal, Cariboo Indian School, Kamloops, B.C.; John Hennessy, O.M.I., Principal, Mission Residential School, Kamloops, B.C.; Father Fergus O'Grady, O.M.I., Principal, Kootenay Indian School, Cranbrook, B.C.; Father Fergus O'Grady, O.M.I., Principal, Christie Indian School, Tofino, B.C.



Group of High School graduates, Kamloops, B.C.



1952 Montagnais Hockey Team is one of the best on the St. Lawrence River North Shore. Photo courtesy Father L. Labrèche, O.M.I., Betsiamites, P.Q.

ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER

CARDSTON, Alta. — Miss Sinclair, a dietician from Ottawa, spent a week at the school in the latter part of January and the early part of February. In the latter part of January also, Mr. Waller of Calgary inspected the classes while Dr. Clievman made his appearance in the middle of the following month to do dental work on the children.

CONCERT

On February 13th, a concert was staged in the school gym to honor Mr. R. D. Ragan, Superintendent of the Blood Reserve, on the occasion of his birthday. Each class presented a number.

On this same occasion, special mention was made of Mr. Arthur Coady who came to St. Mary's 25 years ago and has remained here as a teacher ever since. A rich spiritual offering was presented along with a monetary gift in appreciation for the services he rendered through these years.

BAPTISMS

On February 23rd, Louis and Lorna Holy Singer, aged 12 and 9 respectively, were baptized in the school chapel. On February 25th, the same sacrament was administered to Mr. Edward Healy and was followed by the sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and shortly after by Matrimony, when he took as his bride Miss Frances Eagle Child.

BOXING

On February 18th, an important boxing card was held in the school gym. Our boys figured in each event versus adversaries from St. Paul's School, Macleod and Raymond. They were victorious in 7 out of 12 bouts.

On February 21st our Cadets played a hockey game in Macleod against the Fort Macleod Cadets and were on the losing end of the score of 11 to 2.

M.A.M.I.

Following three days instructions to the future members of the Missionary Association, Father Mercure, O.M.I., presided to the reception of 110 members, on March 2nd. The impressive ceremony took place in the church of Immaculate Conception; the usual ritual was faithfully observed including the taking of pledges, re-

ception of scapulars and signature of membership cards.

Father M. Michaud, O.M.I., came from Brocket with the Association officers from the Sacred Heart School there. In the evening a banquet was served for all the new members, following which a basketball game between the Fathers and the senior boys was held in the school gym. The Fathers beat the pupils 44 to 38.

VISITORS

Father A. Renaud, O.M.I., of the Welfare Commission, was our guest February 29 to March 6. On March 4th, an improvised concert was offered to our guest, who contributed several numbers which were very much appreciated by the pupils.

SOCIAL EVENTS

On February 24th, the senior pupils presented a very successful concert organized entirely by themselves, on behalf of the Missionary Association.

March the 9th, a party was held in the gym to reward the pupils who had paid their subscriptions to the Indian Record. Father Principal provided the prizes, lunch was served after the party.

A fish pond and show were held March 17th for the Indian Record; Father Principal sent in a remittance of \$125.00, the combined receipts of these programs.

NEW HALL

Under the guidance of their pastor, Father Poulin, O.M.I., a number of Indians worked towards converting the church basement into a social centre for the young folks. The hall was painted, carpentry was done and various amusements were installed. The hall was inaugurated Sunday, March 10th.

SPORTS

February 28th, Mocassin Flat (Cardston) basketball players tied with the school seniors 36-36.

March 5th, school team defeated at McLeod 34-35.

Of seven boxers who participated in a card at Lethbridge, Gilbert Black Water, Jimmy Wells, Andy Heavy Runner and Max Big Throat vanquished their opponents.

Our Army Cadets are now training with new radio equipment. Sgt. Herbert Many Fingers, Lieut. Jesse Three Persons, Sgt. Gilbert Mills, Lieut. Corp. Gilbert Little

RECEPTION AT BROCKET, ALBERTA

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, Brocket, March 5, 1952 — An impressive ceremony was held here on March the 5th at 4:30 p.m., when 27 girls and 21 boys were admitted to the first degree of the Oblate Missionary Association. Reverend Fr. A. Mercure, Provincial Director, officiated.

At 5:15 twelve of us were initiated as second degree members. The candidates, followed by Fr. Mercure, O.M.I., and Fr. E. Forestier, O.M.I., our local Director, entered the chapel to the strains of the hymn "Immaculate Mary." Fr. Forestier presented the Associates to Fr. Mercure who made clear all what the Association demands of a second degree Associate.

Following the hymn "Be Thou King," Dexter Smith explained the background of the Association's emblem and why the shield was dark blue. The cross was then affixed on the shield, the appropriate explanations being given by Bernadette Muggins. During the hymn "On This Day" Catherine Small Legs, dressed in spotless white dress and veil, carried the lily and fastened it on the Cross. The letters M.A.M.I. were individually placed on the emblem and their meaning explained by Associates. Next Father Principal gave explanations about the work and needs of the Missionary Association. We then made the solemn promises and we became members of a great family "The Oblates."

The Associates then received the insignia and the Scapular of the Sacred Heart. Immediately followed the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, during which the Associates read an act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A banquet was served for all the members of the first and second degree Associates. We were very happy to have for our guests our Provincial Director, Fr. Mercure, our local Director, Fr. Forestier, and our Parish Priest, Fr. Michaud.

After the banquet our two Presidents, Dexter Smith and Catherine Plain Eagle, in the name of all the members, thanked the Oblates for accepting them as members of their family and assured them that all the members of the M.A. M.I. would try their very best to live up to their promises.

The Vice-President, Wilfrid McDougall, thanked Fr. Poulin, O.M.I., local Director of M.A.M.I. St. Mary's School, Cardston, who came, along with the two Presidents and Vice-Presidents of St. Mary's Section, to witness our ceremony; they were guests to our banquet.

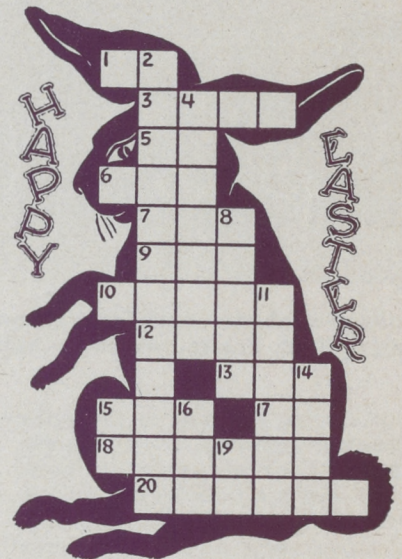
We are very grateful to the Oblates who have done so much good to teach each one of us. Fond memories will remain in our hearts and the souvenir of this great ceremony will ever be remembered in the minds of the children of the Brocket Indian School.

Bear and Lieut. Corp. Thomas Eagle Child will spend six weeks this summer in the Army training camp in Vernon, B.C.

CONDOLEANCES

To the parents and relatives of Mr. Jim Iron Shirt, aged 68, who died February 25th.

HAPPY EASTER



WORDS ACROSS

- Conjunction often used with either
- What the Easter bunny brings in his basket
- South America (initials)
- A common suffix meaning full of
- First word in the name of the river that bounds Texas on the south
- Initials of the author of *Treasure Island*
- Garden vegetables with dark red juice
- To put a ceiling over
- Help
- Large
- One of the first words every baby says
- What every well-dressed lady wears in the Easter parade
- Who help doctors make sick people well?

WORDS DOWN

- What glorious event in Our Lords life does Easter commemorate?
- In what part of Palestine and near what sea did Our Lord do most of His good works?
- What was ancient Rome's great port, located at the mouth of the Tiber River?
- What one often does on slippery pavements?
- One of the most common fruit in Bible times
- A kind of shot often used in small air rifles
- A large African antelope with heavy horns
- Near (abbr.)

Mrs. Bumble Bee, aged 86, died on March 15th. R.I.P.

BEST WISHES

To Thomas Russel, recently discharged from Lethbridge Hospital, now continuing his convalescence at the Blood Indian Hospital in Cardston.

BEAUVAL INDIAN PEE-WEES WIN AT MEADOW LAKE

A most attended feature of the last festival held in Meadow Lake, Sask., was the hockey game played between the lads of Beauval Indian School and those of Meadow Lake. Many Indians came from Water-Hen and other neighbouring reserves, to watch the 100%-Indian team at work. Even the white population showed remarkable interest in the game.

Beauval Pee-Wee had defeated a team of Meadow Lake in a previous game by 13 to nothing, but this time, the opponents, being taller and stronger, were determined not let them have the game easily. For the first two periods, the victory seemed definitely for Meadow Lake, but the advantage turned to the Indian boys at the end of the last period, with a score of 6 to 4 (and not 6 to 7, as it was in some newspapers!).

The interest shown to these boys by the Meadow Lake people and particularly by the Indian Superintendent Mr. J. A. Davis and his assistant Mr. W. G. Tunstead, was an effective encouragement for them.

The new Principal of the Indian Residential School, Rev. Fr. M. Landry, O.M.I., intends to give the

players all the opportunities of improving, in order to accept in the future challenges already received from other teams. He is following in this regard the work of his predecessor, Rev. Fr. F.-X. Gagnon, who for the past years had supplied the school children with a complete hockey outfit and had provided for them a large rink of 190 ft by 90 with adequate lighting system for evening practices.

The team owes also a great deal to the coach, Rev. Bro. A. Bélanger, O.M.I., supervisor of the school boys. He has gone to great pains in order to create among the players a fine spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship, according to their slogan: "Cooperation leads to success."

A. D.

STURGEON LANDING COPS CROWN

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Sturgeon's Landing's all-Indian midget hockeyists, recently crowned champs of Northern Manitoba, proved once again their superiority along the ice lanes when they downed a second all-Indian team from Cross Lake Indian residential school 11-4 at The Pas.

The puck was dropped by Bishop Martin Lajeunesse, to officially start the game which is the first time two all-Indian teams from Northern Manitoba have met in The Pas. Cross Lake Indians gave Sturgeon Landing many troublesome moments: all of Sturgeon Landing's 11 goals were hard fought and played for.

Friday night's game was definitely the cleanest ever played between two northern teams, either in The Pas or any other northern town. Not one penalty was handed out. There were no bodychecks, boarding, intentional tripping or arguments of any kind.

Both teams showed their fine training by picking up the puck and handing it to one of the officials for every faceoff. Hockey has been taught to these boys by their coaches, RR. Father Giard of Sturgeon Landing and Father Simard of Cross Lake, that games are not won in the penalty box, but on the ice.

Sturgeon Landing's record for the past three years has proven that smart, clean play always wins out in the end. They lost but two games and tied one in all that time, playing the North's topmost midget teams and several in the south.



The Sturgeon Landing Midget Hockey Team.

Indian Residential School at Hay Lakes, Alberta Our Lady of Assumption School



103 pupils attend the Hay Lakes Residential School.

February 17th of this year was a day of great rejoicing in the large and beautiful new school at Hay Lakes, 600 miles northwest of Edmonton. This school was opened last February for the poor and undernourished tribe of Slavy Indians in this isolated area of the province.

It was not until this year that His Excellency, Bishop Routhier, Vicar Apostolic of Grouard, was able to come here for the blessing of the school and to have the official opening. We regret that Mr. Gooderham, Inspector of Indian Agencies in Alberta, as well as Mr.

S. C. Knapp, our Indian Agent at Fort Vermilion, were unable to attend, due to circumstances beyond their control.

The building contains all modern equipment and conveniences of a city institution. It has three bright classrooms with 103 children in attendance. The children are cared for and taught by the Sisters of Providence of Montreal. This is the sixth Indian School to operate in the Vicariate of Grouard; the others are located at Grouard, Jossard, Fort Vermilion, Sturgeon Lake and Wabasca.

To Restore Jim Thorpe Medals

WASHINGTON. — A congressional committee decided recently to try to have the Olympic medals of Jim Thorpe, the great Indian athlete, restored to him.

Thorpe won the medals in Olympic Games at Sweden in 1912, but they were taken from him when it was learned he had played baseball for money.

The house of representatives interior committee's subcommittee on Indian affairs voted unanimously to try to have the medals restored.

This year the Sturgeon Landing hockey team has played 16 games and won all of them; three games were played in the south against Selkirk, St. Paul's College in Winnipeg and Letellier. The Sturgeon Landing Indian School has won two championships this winter: 1 — on March the 1st Sturgeon Landing's Pee-Wee team copped the Pee-Wee championship for Northern Manitoba hockey and 2 — on March the 8th, the Sturgeon Landing Midgets triumph in winning the R. Thompson Trophy for Midget Hockey Champions of Northern Manitoba. This record of 16 games without a defeat is one of the finest ever written in the hockey history. It is small wonder indeed that Sturgeon Landing was crowned the champions of all midget hockey in the north.

Credit for the crowd-pleasing and game-winning style of hockey these Indian lads display is duly given Rev. Father A. Giard, Roman Catholic priest and principal of the Sturgeon Landing Indian Residential school.

Surprising Visit at White Fish Bay Day School

On Ash Wednesday morning we had the surprise visit of Father Lacelle, our missionary, who had been here recently, accompanied by Father André Renaud, O.M.I., Superintendent of the Indian Oblate Welfare Commission, who had come from Ottawa.

Father Lacelle blessed the Ashes and said Mass, Father Renaud gave a running commentary, explaining all the ceremonies which were taking place and their meaning.

We were very happy over this surprise visit on Ash Wednesday and we wish to express our gratefulness to the missionaries through the I.M.R.

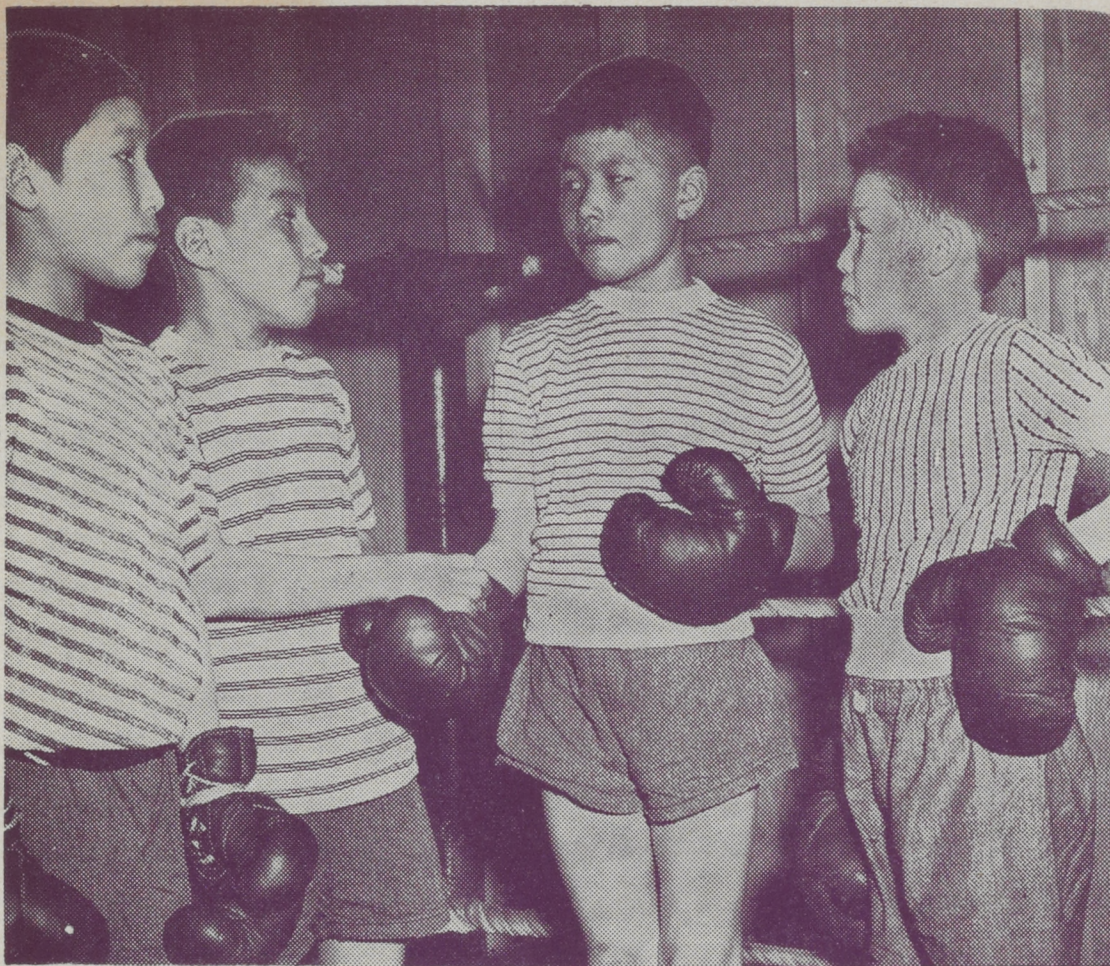
M. E. D.

'Soo' Indian Pillows Wanted for Sinus Ills

SAULT STE. MARIE, Feb. 25.—Indians on the nearby Garden River Reserve are considering going into the patent medicine business.

Chief Danny Pine has received several letters from California asking for a pillow made of balsam or northern pine needles. Californians apparently believe such a pillow is the next best thing to a vacation in this area for sufferers from sinus trouble who want a good night's sleep.

Chief Pine says he has lots of needles available if anyone else wants a pillow.



The second annual Alberta Golden Gloves, scheduled for the Pavilion last February, was given an extra-special touch with the announcement that four embryo mittslingers from the Hobbema Indian School would participate. They are shown above, after receiving some instruction last night at the gym below the Gem. From left to right, David Headman, Marvin Littlechild, Leonard Northwest and Tommy Minte.

(Courtesy Edmonton Journal)

HOBHEMA INDIANS WINNERS OF G. G. RANKS TROPHY

The Hobbema Indians hockey team this year are the winners of the G. G. Ranks trophy. A three-game tournament to decide the victor was held in the local arena under sponsorship of the Hospital Auxiliary. The last contest of this kind was held in 1950 when four rural teams competed.

In eliminations early in the evening Ponoka Juveniles tied Calumet 4-4 and Hobbema licked Ferrybank 7-1. A crowd of 232 fans witnessed the final game which resulted in a 6-3 victory for the Indians over Calumet. The trophy was presented by Mrs. A. Low, president of the Auxiliary.

The well-coached Hobbema boys played a nice clean game. Their goal-getters, Baptiste, Lynce, Erminskin and Wolfe showed all the swish of the Head-Turtle Invincibles while the net minding of goalie Gordon Omeosoo was good in any language.

M.A.M.I.

GROUARD VICARIATE

His Excellency Bishop H. Routhier, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Grouard, has recently asked that the Indian Schools of his Vicariate follow the directives published in the M. A.M.I. bulletin, published especially for the Indian Boarding Schools by the Association's Centre.

Hobbema Line-up — Gordon Omeosoo, Lynce, Baptiste, Maurice and Percy Wolfe, Little-Child, J. Erminskin, B. Erminskin, Sam Wild Cat, Bernard Buffalo, Wilard Little-Poplar, L. McKinnon. Coach Rev. Father Allard, O.M.I.

Two Children Die In Kitkatla Fire.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., March 17. — A wind-driven fire took the lives of two girls on March 16th, at the British Columbia coastal village of Kitkatla. Winds reaching 60 miles an hour fanned the fire which had destroyed several homes, while most of the adults were at church.

Nineteen persons were left homeless by the fire; Indian Agent F. E. Anfield, flew to the village to investigate the fire; he said it was believed the two small victims, Pearl and Katie Hill, had started the fire while playing with matches.

Volunteer firemen were helpless when they found the water system frozen. A bucket brigade to the beach saved the other homes in this community of 351 persons.

Reported Death of Famed Runner Denied

WINNIPEG, Manitoba. — A report of the death of Joe Keeper, one-time great long distance runner who represented Canada in the 1912 Olympic Games at Stockholm, Sweden, was denied recently by H.B.C. officials who affirmed that Mr. Keeper is still at his post on the north end of Lake Winnipeg.

Keeper won the Military Medal during the First World War, at Cambrai. He was top Canadian long distance runner between 1910 and 1920, placing fourth in the 1912 Olympic Games and winning a dozen silver trophies and 33 medals on Canadian tracks.

He Speaks "Canadian"

VICTORIA, B.C., March 14 — Canada's only Indian legislator spoke in the budget debate Thursday in the British Columbia Legislature.

Frank Calder (C.C.F.—Atlin) delivered the first part of his address in his native tongue.

Then he gave a translation — "for the benefit of those who haven't been in my country very long."

Crowfoot Indian Bantams Gain Alberta Crown

CLUNY, Alberta. — In one of the most interesting hockey games of the year the Crowfoot School gains the Provincial title. In the first game of the final against Lacombe on March 14, the Crowfoot team defeated the Northern Alberta Champs 7-2. The second game the following night, they tied with Lacombe on their home ice with a score 4-4.

The season was a very successful one for the Blackfoot boys who have gone undefeated through the finals. Their first opponent Drumheller was defeated 11-0 and 11-2. The team then advanced to meet Stavelly for 17-0 and 15-2 to win the Southern Alberta Championship. In their first game with Calgary they won 10-2. After a 0-0 score after the first period the Calgary club ceded the game to the Crowfoot squad. This gave the team the Central Alberta Championship and the right to proceed to the finals.

Congratulations are offered to Father Charron, O.M.I., Principal, Crowfoot Residential School, on leading the team to gain the Provincial Championship, and a hope that the club will be able to do as well in the future years.

Line-up: Goal, Purcell; defence, Pickett, Calf, Hansen, Calf Robe; forwards, Hilts, Running Rabbit, Young, Cat Face, Conally, Yellow Horse, Big Tobacco, Baine, Pettit.

Indian Families Given Big "How" in London

Two native Alberta Indian families, complete with feather bonnets and bucking regalia, were given the big "how" by an English native complete with topper and frock coat at London's Euston station.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rider and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Hand-some Bearspaw, all of Morley, arrived here to join Billy Smart's New World circus and were greeted by the formally-dressed station-master and a battery of newspaper, newsreel and television cameramen. A chill winter wind was blowing and a London fog was settling in but Mr. Bearspaw showed great diplomacy in commenting on the weather — after blowing on his hands.

The Indian families were taken to the famed Star and Garter "wigwam" at Windsor and will be visiting in London during the next two weeks. They will be joined by other Indian families later and will tour the country with the circus.